Family Support Services Committee Minutes: July 26, 2001 Governor's Inn Sacramento

Members Present: Pat Aguiar, Patty Moore, Beverley Morgan-Sandoz, Sherry Torok, Laurie Jordan, Terry Colborn, Jan Kearns, Juno Duenas

Guests Present: Mary Smithberger, Patsy Hampton, Lisa Drew, Dawn Paxson, Greg Rose, Nina Boyle, Carol Ortiz, Linda Brault

Staff: Laura Bridges

Joint Meeting: Family Support Services and Quality Assurance Committees

Ken Freedlander, DDS, gave a brief overview on FRC data as requested by the OA and FSS Committees. Ken urged caution with data analysis and the relatively early/young statistics, however noted specific areas where concern is warranted. One area of concern is that of the discrepancy between regional center intakes and FRC intakes relative to the mandated referral language. Ken reported that he has submitted a proposal for funding to assist with FRC data collection software, equipment, training, and technical assistance. This is another effort toward supporting and improving the quality of statewide FRC data collection. Notice of funding is due in October. Suggestions from committee participants included a look at demographic data, language and ethnicity as well as a cross system study for coordinated data collection within those structures serving children with special needs. Also training on data standardization for statewide consistency is required.

General FSSC Meeting:

Additions to Agenda: Child care Position Statement & Joint CDPAC Mtg. Rescheduling of November ICC meeting

Approval of May FSSC Minutes: Approved

Presentation to Child Development Policy Advisory Council: Committee proposed to recommend Kate Warren to attend the CDPAC meeting in October with Kay Ryan. The purpose is to present the Child Care Position Statement adopted last year by the ICC, background, and to discuss future direction.

Other discussion on Child Care included coordinated data collection regarding child care and children with special needs, birth to three, and in coordination with local Children and Families Commission with children birth to five years.

Also discussed were issues related to CalWorks exemptions; funding for training and provisions for child care of foster care families.

Participants recommended:

- Re-introduce Child Care Position Paper and look at current direction and cross system achievements
- Presentation to ICC on "Barriers Project"
- Coordination with Children and Families Commission (Prop. 10) activities related to inclusion/child care

T-Grid overview: See attached.

- Refer to Barriers Project at the end of the year; re-address Child Care Position Paper in a coordinated packet for dissemination
- Laura Bridges will download update on Due Process Mediation from DDS website for each FSSC meeting.
- Patty Moore, Mary Smithburger and Linda Brault will develop a flyer about upcoming ICC meetings for distribution to local partners welcoming participation at meetings.
- Recommend ICC to extend thanks to Alice Parker and Paul Hinkle at CDE for distributing Composite of Laws to each Family Resource Center with a request to do so again upon next printing.
- Seek update from DDS on success of regional centers utilization of funds for transition toward natural environments
- Juno Duenas and Patty Moore will present "ASK Guidelines" to FSSC at September meeting
- Laura Bridges will distribute minutes to all FSSC meeting participants to assist with action item development in interim months
- Request rescheduling of November ICC meeting

Patty reviewed action items from T-grid.

Committee adjourned at 5 pm.